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Brief notes about the Indonesian participants

1. AGUS EDI SANTOSO

He originates from Surabaya, East Java and was an student activist. He was a member of the central Board of *HMI (Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam,* Muslim Student Association), the biggest student organisation in Indonesia. He was very involved in student press activities and education matters.

He became quite involved in the Paolo Freire methods of education and in the mid eighties founded the Franz Fanon Foundation, which was active in translating and publishing essential political and human rights writings.

Agus was a founding member of INFIGHT (Indonesian Front for the Defence of Human Rights) an umbrella for many non-governmental organisations. Within INFIGHT Agus strongly promoted the discussion about the East Timor issue. At present he is chairing *PIPHAM (Pusat Informasi dan Pendidikan Hak Azasi Manusia,* Centre for Education and Information on Human Rights). He is a skilful organiser and wellknown among human rights activists.

2. RAZIKU AMIN

He originates from Madura, an island close to the north-eastern coast of Java. He became an active student at the *UII (Universitas Islam Indonesia,* Indonesian Islam University) in Yogyakarta, Central Java and became member of the Student Board of *UII.* He is also a founding member of INFIGHT (see above). Raziku Amin is a founding member of *LEKHAT (Lembaga Kajian Hak2 Masyarakat,* Institute for the Reseach of People's Rights) in 1989 which also publishes the periodical *Suara Rakyat Maubere* (The Voice of the Maubere People), a publication in Bahasa Indonesia which intends to inform a broad Indonesian public about the struggle of the East Timorese. The publication *Suara Rakyat Maubere* has published excerpts from Xanana Gusmao's defence plea, his letter to the Indonesian opposition and the defence plea of Aleixio da Silva, a Timorese who was tried in an Indonesian court in Dili in 1992.

3. RACHLAND NASHIDIK

He studied at *Universitas Pancasila* in Jakarta and was active in the student publcations. He joined *PIJAR (Pusat Informasi dan Jaringan Aksi Reformasi,* Centre for Information and Network Activitivies for Reform) founded in 1989 by student activists from different places in Indonesia. *PIJAR* has become one of the key organisations involved in pro-democracy activism in present day Indonesia. Rachland Nashidik is acting chairman of *PIJAR* and attended the East Timor conference in Manila where he, as the only Indonesian, delivered a public statement. Their publication: *Kabar dari Pijar* has become an important example of the samizdat press in Indonesia, especially after the banning of the three important weeklies: *Tempo, DeTIK* and *Editor.*

4. G.J. ADITJONDRO

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5. MULYANA W. KUSUMAH

He studied law at the *Universitas Indonesia* and is specialised on criminal law. At present he teaches criminal law at part time basis at this university. He was member of the Student Board at te same university. Mulyana is the Executive Director of *YLBHI*

(Lembaga Bantuan Hukum, the Legal Aid Bureau) in Jakarta. The *LBH* is one of the best known institutes for the defence of human rights and for this reason Mulyana often writes or is often quoted in the press.

6. LUHUT PANGARIBUAN

An active member of *LBH*, Luhut belongs to the small group of human rights lawyers who often take up political trials. He is the main lawyer for Xanana Gusmao, at present held in the Cipinang prison in Jakarta. Luhut is also member of the Joint Committee for the Defence of East Timorese, a Committee set up in Jakarta to assist East Timorese in need of legal assistance. This committee consists of members of *LBH* and the Indonesian Council of Churches, the Indonesian Bishop's Conference and several other organisations.